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Dear Baroness Morris of Yardley,

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE – HOMECARE MEDICINES REPORT

Thank you for your letter regarding the Committee's report into homecare medicines.

I would like to reassure the Committee that the Department and NHS England remain committed to the delivery of the accepted recommendations, and progress is being made to deliver on this important area.

I am happy to inform you that NHS England has announced David Webb, Chief Pharmaceutical Officer for England, as the Senior Responsible Officer (SRO) for homecare medicines services in the NHS in England. The SRO's responsibilities will be detailed as part of NHS England's broader work to develop a governance framework for homecare medicines services.

The Department and NHS England will provide the Committee with a detailed update on the accepted recommendations in the coming months. I am keen that we continue to work together to deliver these vital changes and I would encourage the Committee to meet with my officials and colleagues from NHS England to discuss progress made and next steps.

The significance of homecare medicines for patients cannot be underestimated and it is right that the services provided are safe and effective. I would like to thank the Committee for their ongoing collaboration to drive forward and maintain focus on this critical area of healthcare.

Yours sincerely,

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